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PROGRESS IN STEEL SECTOR
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in the steel sector during the last three years;

(b) whether the Government is satisfied with the progress report in this field; and

(c) if so, the details thereof;

Answer

MINISTER OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) to (c): During the last three years the Indian steel industry has staged a turnaround. There has been impressive increase in the production, consumption and exports as brought out in the table below:-

(In million tonnes)

Item	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04 (Prov.)
Production	30.63(4.7)	33.67(9.9)	36.193(7.5)
Exports	2.704(1.50)	4.506(66.6)	5.3(17.6)
Apparent Consumption	27.43(3.43)	28.89(5.32)	30.328(4.9)

(Source: JPC)

(figures in brackets indicate percentage change over the previous year)